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6 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT: Orientation of Staff Members of the Position  
Classification Subcommittee of the Post  
Office and Civil Service Committee of the  
House of Representatives

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. As I look at the question of Agency participation, it would appear substantively there is little that the Agency could contribute since the purpose is to discuss classification techniques of various systems. The Commission itself certainly can explain classification principles under the Classification Act which are the principles that the Agency uses. The reason for the Agency being exempted from the Classification Act, namely security, would not be significantly helpful in the study itself since I would judge that they are hoping to learn why different situations require differing classification techniques. The reasons for Agency exception are well known to the staff of the full Committee. On balance then, it would appear that the Agency could contribute little, if anything, to the purposes of the study. Technically, we would have our Chief of Position Management and Compensation Division responding to essentially a policy question as to why the Agency was exempted from the Classification Act.
3. While the chances of publicity may be minimal, I question whether this should be done when there is not a great deal that the Agency can contribute. I suppose this has to be balanced against Bob Wattles' desire to cooperate with the Commission. I feel sure that the Committee itself would not feel slighted and, if desired, we could certainly double check this with the Staff Director.

S/ JOHN S. WARNER

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Legislative Counsel

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<b>Remarks:</b> Colonel White:  I concur with John Warner's position and feel that we should not participate at this time in the briefing sessions. At the same time we should explain to the Civil Service Commission and through John Warner to the staff of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee that we would have little to con- tribute and that our exception is based on the well- known security considerations. 25X1A			
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